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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyuki TANAKA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

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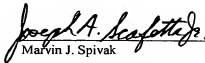
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 11-327373) on Form PTO-1449 is discussed in the specification.



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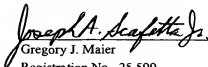
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